



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE JOB OPPORTUNITY

Participate in NIJ Violence Against Women Research
Through a Detail via the Intergovernmental Personnel Act



The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is looking for a social science researcher interested in conducting and supporting research and evaluation activities to more fully develop NIJ's violence against women (VAW) research portfolio — with a specific focus on intimate partner violence perpetration (IPV). The job is a temporary, two-year detail through the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA), with the possibility to renew for one additional year.

Applications will be accepted until Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. eastern time.

Background

NIJ has invested millions of dollars over the past four decades to study IPV; yet, research on batterers has been limited to a handful of studies on arrest and batterer intervention programs. Generally the studies have focused on victim services, victim outcomes, and criminal justice responses to victims. There is a need to develop NIJ's research agenda on IPV perpetration that goes beyond critiquing batterer intervention programs and integrates broader research on IPV offending into NIJ's VAW program of research.

Eligibility

IPA details are available to employees of federal, state, and local governmental agencies; institutions of higher education; Indian tribal governments; federally funded research and development centers; and qualified nonprofit organizations. Under the IPA provisions, applicants remain on the payroll of their home institution, which continues to administer pay and benefits. NIJ may consider a stipend to cover such items as local living expenses and partial salary reimbursement.

Applicants should possess in-depth knowledge of social science research, evaluation, and statistical methods. Specific experience in conducting research and/or evaluation on IPV and IPV offenders is required. Applicants should demonstrate an understanding of the broader violence against women research and evaluation literature. Applicants should have five or more years of experience in a position with responsibility for research and evaluation design and analysis. Applicants must possess excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills and program/project management skills.

Job Description

This detail at NIJ is an exciting opportunity to become immersed in a topic of national concern — the perpetration of intimate partner violence and the victimization associated with these violent crimes. NIJ is chartered to support state, local, and tribal criminal justice agencies with research and evaluation. The IPA detail will work with NIJ staff responsible for the design and management of the VAW program of research, with responsibilities ranging from establishing a research agenda to providing scientific technical assistance to NIJ grantees conducting a variety of research projects to conducting small research projects in furtherance of NIJ's VAW research program.

The IPA detail will be tasked with examining the extant literature on IPV battering/offending, its theoretical underpinnings, prevention efforts, and its potential overlap with topics such as criminal behavior trajectories, stalking, substance abuse, and military status. This effort will produce several products and/or projects (series of white papers, meta-analyses, secondary data analyses) that will provide direction to NIJ in an effort to enhance its approach in studying IPV perpetration.

Specific research activities falling under this IPA may include:

- Examining the extant literature on IPV and its application and relevance to the broader violence against women and criminal justice fields.
- Developing innovative research projects on IPV perpetration.
- Implementing strategies to increase the visibility of the VAW research portfolio.
- Collaborating with stakeholders (including law enforcement personnel and other criminal justice practitioners, policymakers, and researchers) to align IPV research priorities with the larger needs of the criminal justice and violence prevention/response communities.
- Disseminating NIJ VAW research to policymakers and practitioners.
- Producing reviews and white papers on a variety of topics related to VAW.
- Analyzing and assessing primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention strategies aimed at IPV offending.
- Planning and participating in conferences and federal interagency working groups that focus on VAW.

Application Process

Email a letter of intent, resume or curriculum vitae, references, and a writing sample of no more than 1,500 words to:

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Deadline: July 28, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. eastern time.

The start date for the IPA positions are negotiable, although NIJ expects applicants to be available to start on September 1, 2016, or earlier.

Direct all questions to Dr. Bethany Backes at the e-mail (preferred) and telephone above.

Read the Department of Justice Equal Employment Opportunity statement: <http://go.usa.gov/x3ctR>.

Federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities, where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process must contact the hiring agency directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.